

two years he re-entered the said college and was graduated from that institution in 1898. He took a special course in operative surgery under Dr. Charles F. Blake, of Baltimore, in 1897-98. He took special work on diseases of women in the City Hospital of Baltimore, under Dr. Gardner, in 1897, and work under Dr. F. Dyer Sanger on diseases of children, in the Nursery & Child's Hospital in Baltimore in 1898. In 1901 he took a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, under Drs. Osler and Kelley and assistants. In 1902 he took post-graduate work on diseases of women and children and in surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons and special operative work in surgery under Dr. McNeer, of Johns Hopkins Hospital. In 1903 he took another post graduate course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, similar to the one he took in 1902, also making a study of surgical anatomy and operative surgery under Dr. McNeer, a professor of Maryland Medical College and assistant pathologist of Johns Hopkins Hospital, of Baltimore. Dr. Hicks is a member of the Tri-State Medical Society of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio and of the American Medical Association,

and is also a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons. He has been examining surgeon for the United States pension examiners and since 1900 has been local surgeon for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company. Dr. Hicks is a Republican and served four years as county assessor. In the county convention he was nominated on the first ballot over his five opponents, and at the subsequent election was the only man elected on his ticket,—he was only 24 years of age at that time. He is a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., of Milton, West Virginia.

In 1895 Dr. Hicks was married to Helen Diddell, who was born in Winifrede, Kanawha County, West Virginia. One child, Xilpha, was born May 31, 1897, to the Doctor and wife. Dr. Hicks is well established in Hurricane and counts many friends and enjoys a liberal amount of public patronage.

W. D. Hicks, M. D., brother of Dr. Hicks, mentioned above, was educated in the common schools, taught school and read medicine under his brother's guidance. At the end of one year of study, he entered upon his first year of medical college work in the medical department of the Uni-

versity of Kentucky at Louisville, spent his second year at the Kentucky School of Medicine, and later attended the Maryland Medical College at Baltimore, taking special work in surgery under Dr. R. L. McNeer, from which institution he graduated with honors in 1902, having practiced one year previously. He located at Henderson and has ever since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1903 Dr. W. D. Hicks took a post-graduate course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, and special work in surgery under Dr. McNeer.

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CHARLES F. BRANDFASS, a well known business man of Wheeling, West Virginia, is president and general manager of the Brandfass Tobacco Company, which occupies a three-story building at No. 1316 Water street. He has been a resident of Wheeling since 1863, and is a man who has achieved success in business, wholly through his own efforts.

Mr. Brandfass was born in Europe in 1851, and was but a child when his father died. In 1860 his mother moved to Wheeling, Ohio County, Virginia, now West Virginia, where two of his brothers also live at the present time, namely: Henry, a carpenter; and

William, an engineer. A third brother, August, was a farmer and is now living in retirement at Brilliant, Ohio. Charles F. Brandfass worked as a farm hand until 1863, in Ohio County, and also in Jefferson County, Ohio, and afterward served as bell boy at the McLure House for a year. He then returned to the country for a short time, and later commenced to learn the trade of a cigar maker. He spent seven years on the cigar bench, a part of the time being spent in the employ of Mr. Seamon. In 1874, he entered the cigar manufacturing business as a member of the firm of Muhn & Brandfass, at the corner of Main and 14th streets. This partnership was dissolved in 1897, a nephew succeeding Charles F. as a member of the firm. Mr. Brandfass then organized the Brandfass Tobacco Company, which deals exclusively in leaf tobacco. The company was at once incorporated as a stock company with Charles F. Brandfass as president and general manager, and Ed. Muhn as secretary. They do a packing and jobbing business, buying mainly from the growers of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, Ohio and Kentucky, for the cigar trade. They are also distributors for Cuban and Sumatra tobacco which they buy of importers. The

traveling representatives of the firm cover the usual jobbing territory of Wheeling wholesale houses, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and a part of Maryland. Under the efficient management of Mr. Brandfass, the business of the firm has flourished and is one of the leaders in this line. He is also a director of the Wheeling Title & Trust Company and the West Virginia Tobacco Company.

Mr. Brandfass was united in marriage with Mary Wiedebusch, and has eight children, as follows: Lottie; Sophia; Carrie; Minnie; Alma; Adelia; Marie; and Carl. They reside at No. 108½ 14th street, where he owns a very comfortable home. From 1870 to 1887, he was actively interested in music, and was instrumental in organizing the Opera House Orchestra, of which he was manager for three years. He is a member of the Arion Association, and has been a member of the Turner Gymnastic Association since he was 21 years of age. He was elected one of three members of the City Water Board in 1900-1901, the other members being Messrs. Butts and Lindsay. He is a Democrat, and served in the City Council one term in the "eighties." Fraternally, he is a member of Ohio Valley Lodge, No. 31, K. of P., and has been for six years.

He has been a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for 10 years, served through the chairs of the subordinate lodge, and was then elected grand receiver of the Grand Lodge. During several years past, he has been a member of the finance committee of the Grand Lodge. He was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



DE LANIEL LEE YOST, B. S., M. D., M. E.

DE LANIEL LEE YOST, B. S., M. D., M. E., the subject of this sketch, who is a leading physician and surgeon of Fairmont, West Virginia, prefers that we refer to ancestral achievements and history than to personal endeavors. We find no more interesting study in heredity than the evidence: that to be well born gives a force of character

and energy that no amount of cultivation can give the less fortunate.

The paternal great-grandfather, John Yost, came to the American Colonies from Bavaria, Germany, before the Revolution, and soon after landing in New York married a young woman from Holland, Katie Suuiche, whom he met on board ship en route here from the Fatherland. While living in Elizabeth, New Jersey, he joined the Colonial Army, fought against the British during the long Revolutionary War, and many incidents have been related in history that concerned the commands of which he was a member in their operations about Trenton. After the war, they trekked across the Alleghanies by way of Cumberland station, on the old Braddock Road, finally locating near Indian Creek, where they homesteaded valuable lands. There John Yost died and was buried about 1815. There were seven sons in the family,—Henry, John, Aaron, William, Peter, Jacob and David, the grandfather of Dr. Yost,—and five were born at the new home. This was in the day of disputed frontiers against savage beasts of the forest and the still more savage aborigines.

David Yost, our subject's grandfather, homesteaded nearly 1000 acres of forest land at the head of Pawpaw

Creek, the present site of the thrifty inland town of Fairview and the present center of the oil field's wealth and new coal industries. At the time of the second war with England, grants were made good by paying back taxes on patents that had been many years neglected and much of the land, through this procedure, cost less than \$1.50 an acre. From trading stock and trapping, the money was saved. There were many incidents of overland trips afoot through the forests, with silver wearing and chafing in the pockets on his person, to make payments on his land at Morgantown, then the only post office and the only place where there were record offices in that section since Virginia was a colony. No greater evidence of hardihood and indefatigable will and industry could be shown than the life and accomplishments of this sturdy, temperate man. He was born in 1799 and died in 1856 from typhoid fever. From his marriage there resulted 11 children, some of whom are still living, past 86, in the West. Of the sons, James Yost died recently at 84; Jehu D. and Nicholas were both practitioners of botanic medicine.

Fielding H. Yost, the youngest son of David Yost, and father of our subject, was born August 4, 1827. He

was the idol of his parents in their declining years. He was given every advantage of education, was favored with private tutors, and attended Rector College in 1846-47, then one of the most noted schools of the section. He was remembered in that day for his fascinating oratory and patriotism in his speeches, at the musters of militia for the Mexican War, with companies organized by his brother, Dr. Jehu D. Yost. His devotion to the good and uplifting of the communities made him prominent in the organization of the Sons of Temperance, the Sunday-school work, and the first lodge of Freemasonry in Fairmont. He was devoted to the practice of medicine and was intensely in earnest in his support of the new school of reforms then coming up against the heroic, antiphlogistic and depleting effects of mercury, blue mass, antimony, blood-letting, etc., then the prevalent system of treating diseases. After several years of association with his brothers in the practice, he graduated with the degree of M. D., from the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, in 1860. In the war between the States, he took the side of Virginia's defense, and was made a surgeon in Lee's army, and was a personal associate of General Lee in camp in the

early part of 1861; he took charge of the field hospital at Monterey, Virginia, and there served both Federals and Confederates, was captured, served in prison, was afterward neutral throughout the remainder of the war, and taught submission and forgiveness at the fateful end of that then necessary struggle. From 1864 to 1867 he was located at Morgantown in practice, being sought from far and near for his skilled services in surgical operations, performing laparotomy and lithotomy for abscess and for stone, in the days when but little was known of antiseptics, more than the need for absolute cleanliness. Many who were living 30 years after his death owed the prolongation of their lives to his skill. He died May 13, 1872 in the time of his brilliant achievements. His services were sought even during the two years when he was stricken with paralysis of the throat, affecting speech, though he would write from a clear brain and fertile mind for the many that came from afar for advice from this source of fruitful knowledge.

Personally, his was a life of genius, overwork and sincere and unselfish devotion to the service of needful humanity.

In appearance, the late Dr. Fielding H. Yost was a man of medium stature,

straight and wiry as an athlete; his commanding though gentle bearing was magnetic and inspiring to the sick and the distressed. He had dark wavy hair, long beard, high forehead, soft yet piercing blue-gray eyes that met yours in language that pierced deeper than words and inspired sincerity of a friend, especially those in need.

Such a forceful intellect and fertile mind, with such integrity and devotion to hard work, burn out vitality in rays of genius, live years in a day, dying young, and their achievements live after them as an inspiration to those whose like ambition is to excell and be proficient.

Dr. Fielding H. Yost was married May 19, 1851, to Melinda A. Jones, who still survives him, and is now living at the old homestead in Marion County, West Virginia, hale and sprightly at the age of 72. Her grandfather, Joseph Jones, after serving three years in the War of 1812, under General Harrison, removed to Virginia from his home in New Jersey. Joseph Jones' uncle served for seven years in the Revolutionary War. Her father, John Jones, kept an old landmark inn at Pleasant Valley, a famous resort in the historic days of wagon trains and stage coaches on the old

State Road, long before the Baltimore & Ohio route was surveyed across the Alleghanies.

The father's mantle has fallen on two of his sons, and on the same homestead, from which six others of the family name and three generations have entered the ranks of the same profession, was born De Laniel Lee Yost, November 7, 1861, the second son of a family of three girls and five boys. Born under such favorable



FIELDING H. YOST, B. S., M. D.

heredity and ample patrimony and provisions for education in the will left by his father, he was expected to follow with advantage the profession of medicine, business virtually awaiting him. He attended the State Normal School at Fairmont and the State Univer-

sity at Morgantown, and graduated with the degree of B. S. from Central College, Danville, Indiana, in 1886. He finished his medical course at Indianapolis in the Eclectic Medical College, in 1888, in which city he located in the practice of medicine, later getting the advantages of post-graduate courses. He practiced six years at Fairview, the old homestead, with profit, assuming all responsibility incident to medicine and surgery in an active oil town. He took up the further study of his profession in 1893 in the Post-Graduate School of Philadelphia, and in 1894 at the Post-Graduate School of New York. In 1895 he accepted the chair of eclectic theory and practice of medicine in the new American Medical College, Indianapolis, and the same chair in 1896 in the University of Medicine in that city, taking advantage of the ample clinic and hospital work in the other post-graduate schools there. With the rest and recuperation, thus derived, he returned to West Virginia and located at Fairmont in 1898, in the special practice of medicine limited to chronic diseases. His practice is limited to office consultation, and he rarely does any visiting, except in cases of emergency or when called to consult with other physicians. His office at No. 225

Jefferson street is thronged at all hours of the day with patients; Dr. Yost often prescribes for as many as 50 a day, but his record is 84. He still holds a chair in the Eclectic Medical College, and goes to Indianapolis each winter from now on for the work.

By strict integrity, untiring energy and devotion he has built up and now enjoys a large practice that extends over several counties. His sources of information from almost every science, of men, mind and affairs of the world, makes him liberal, proficient and independent of sect, and gives him the confidence of all associates and the business that he deserves. He was among the first to see the unfolding advantages of Fairmont's development and future, was wise in his investments, erecting several residence properties and a luxuriously appointed home, and was the pioneer in that city of the idea of resident flats. A five-story, pressed brick and stone, modern structure, recently erected by him on Main avenue, is a monument to his ambition, energy and integrity.

Dr. Yost is liberal in church and State, is social, modest and unassuming, whom to know you are assured of his utterly unselfish life and intense liberality of mind.

On May 21, 1890, Dr. Yost was

married to Rose D. Youst, only daughter of the late Dr. Joriah Youst, of another branch of the Yost family, of the fifth remove, to which happy union two children have been born,—a son, Ernest Lee, now 12 years of age and a student in the Staunton Military Academy of Staunton, Virginia, and a daughter, who died a year old. We have found no more hospitable home, void of vanity or sham, where a welcome is immediately felt. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Encampment; and the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias. He is an ex-member of the Indiana Eclectic Medical Association, and member of the Indianapolis Eclectic Medical Society and of the Indianapolis Academy of Medicine. He is a member of the West Virginia, State Eclectic Medical Association and American Association of Physicians and Surgeons. He is also a member of the New York Institute of Anthropology, Chicago Society of Psychological Research, and the National Medico-Legal Society in the study of criminology and heredity.

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ABRAHAM F. PHILLIPS, deputy sheriff of Tucker County and a prominent politician, was born in 1869,

in Tucker County, West Virginia, and is a son of Moses and Lamari Phillips.

Moses Phillips was born in Randolph County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and died in 1893, at the age of 64, after a long and useful life. For a period he was a member of the County Court and a justice of the peace. By occupation he was a farmer. In politics he was a Republican. The mother of our subject was born in Randolph County and now resides with her son at Parsons, at the age of 66. She is a member of the Methodist Church, as was her late husband. The children numbered four sons and six daughters.

Mr. Phillips was reared in Tucker County and has been identified with its interests all his life. In 1897 he was elected a justice of the peace and served with the greatest efficiency for five years. In 1901 he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners from St. George and is now serving in that capacity, and since January, 1903, has also filled the office of deputy sheriff of Tucker County, under Sheriff J. B. Jenkins. He is well known as one of the best officials in the county, and has a wide circle of political as well as personal friends.

In 1893 Mr. Phillips was married to Buena V. Nestor, who was born in 1867 in Tucker County, West Virgin-

ia, and is a daughter of Nathaniel and Melvina Nestor. The one daughter of this marriage is named Lunda Mabel. Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Phillips is a Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow, and one of the stanch Republicans of Tucker County.



HON. THOMAS PHILLIPS DAVIES.

HON. THOMAS PHILLIPS DAVIES, of Montgomery, Fayette County, West Virginia, State agent since 1902 for the Provident Accidental Insurance Company, of Charleston, West Virginia, was born in Glamorganshire, South Wales, March 1, 1849. He is a son of Ebenezer and Anna (Phillips) Davies, both of whom were also natives of South Wales.

Ebenezer Davies settled first in Philadelphia, after immigrating to America, and then was employed in the iron rolling mills at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. At the close of the Civil War, he went to Coal Creek, Tennessee, and entered into the coal business, serving as outside superintendent for the Knoxville Iron Company, retaining the position some years. Prior to his death he lived a retired life for sometime, having accumulated ample means. Mr. Davies was considered one of the best posted, practical iron men in the vicinity, having spent the greater part of his life in the business. He preceded his family to America and then returned to Wales for them. Ebenezer Davies died at the age of 71 years, in 1889, at Coal Creek, Tennessee. The mother of our subject died when her son, Thomas Phillips, was but two years old; there was one other son, who died in infancy. The step-mother of our subject was Mary Jones, and six children were born to the father's second marriage, the two survivors being: Mary Ann, wife of Archie Sneiderer, a passenger engineer on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway; and Levi, an engineer in Mexico.

Thomas Phillips Davies was a lad of 14 years when he came to America, and was soon placed at work in the

great rolling mills at Lancaster. He accompanied his father to Tennessee and then began mining coal, his first employment being as a driver. He remained in the Coal Creek mines until 1869 and then went to the Old Canneton mines, opposite Montgomery, but a few months later returned to Tennessee. In 1872 he came back to West Virginia and since then has made his home at Montgomery. He has been engaged in extensive business enterprises and is a man of the greatest business capacity. In 1897 he went to Alaska and engaged in gold mining, securing a valuable claim; when he came back, he left men working his claim. Mr. Davies was the organizer of the Coal Valley Coal Company and for several years its president, finally became its owner and is now the only surviving member of the original company. The company's operations were located in the vicinity of Montgomery. Mr. Davies ceased operating about 1890. About that time he was appointed receiver for the Forest Hill Coal Company and continued in the position until the final adjustment of affairs in 1899.

Mr. Davies has been a prominent Republican leader for a long period. In 1892 he was first elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates to repre-

sent Fayette County. In 1894 he was sent to the Senate to represent Fayette, Summers, Monroe, Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties. He was the first Republican to represent this Democratic district. In 1900 he was again elected to the House of Delegates and during his term of office was instrumental in getting established at Montgomery a branch of the State University; hospitals for miners in different parts of the State and other laudable concerns. For six years a member of the City Council, in 1896 he was elected mayor. In the spring of 1897 he was a formidable aspirant for the office of United States marshal of Alaska, and his failure to receive the appointment remains one of the mysteries of politics, as the appointment seemed to be in his hand.

Mr. Davies has taken the deepest interest in his section of the State and its progress, development and happiness, ever since he has been a resident. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Miners' Hospital No. 2, having been appointed by Governor George W. Atkinson, and having been re-appointed by Governor A. B. White. He is prominent also in fraternal life and is well and widely known in the various branches of Masonry, having attained the highest degrees. He is high in the

ranks of the Knights of Pythias; is a leading Odd Fellow and belongs to Mohegan Tribe, No. 37, Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Davies was married in 1885 to Annie Williams, who was born at Monmouthshire, South Wales and reared at Scranton, Pennsylvania. She passed out of life September 28, 1900, at her home in Montgomery. Mrs. Davies was a lady of lovely character, a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.



JOHN FREEMAN.

W. G. FREEMAN, secretary and treasurer of the Caswell Creek Coal & Coke Company, and one of the prominent citizens of Freeman, Mercer

County, West Virginia, was born in 1870, at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and is a son of the late John Freeman and wife, the former of whom was one of the largest and most successful coal operators of the Flat-Top coal field.

John Freeman was born in Claycross, Derbyshire, England, and after coming to America engaged in coal mining at Trenton, Pennsylvania, until he removed to Fayette County, West Virginia. He remained there, interested in the iron mining industry at Clifton Forge and other points until 1883, when he came to the Flat-Top coal fields in Mercer and McDowell counties, West Virginia. He had these children: C. W., of Bramwell; R. E., of Freeman; W. G., of Freeman; Mary, wife of G. T. Davidson of Union, West Virginia; and Kate, wife of S. N. Branton of Freeman. Mr. Freeman died in 1892, and was succeeded in the Caswell Creek Coal & Coke Company by his son, our subject.

The Caswell Creek mines were the third to commence operations in the Flat-Top coal fields; and they were opened and the first shipment of coal made in August, 1884, by Jenkin Jones and John Freeman, operating under the firm name of Freeman & Jones, by whom the business was carried on until 1889, when the Caswell Creek

Coal & Coke Company was organized and incorporated under the laws of West Virginia, with Jenkin Jones as president and general manager, and John Freeman as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Jones still occupies the same position. C. W. Freeman is vice-president of the company. The holdings of this company embrace 1400 acres leased from the Flat-Top Land Association. There have been erected 231 coke ovens, with a productive capacity of about 350 tons per day. Employment is given to about 300 men and the capacity of the mines is about 1250 tons daily from the middle vein which has, at this operation, an average thickness of six and one-half feet of marketable coal. Steam and compressed air are used, the former for hauling purposes, and the latter for mining. The air-compressing plant is a very fine one, there being two Sullivan compressors, one a six and the other a 10-horsepower machine. They use six puncher machines, and two Baldwin and three Vulcan locomotives, each of about 15 tons weight, for hauling. The Caswell Creek plant is regarded as one of the best equipped in the whole field.

W. G. Freeman, our subject, went to the New River coal field in 1880 and to the Flat-Top region in 1883.

He was educated there and at Roanoke College, where he spent three years. He has been actively associated in the management of the Caswell Creek mines since the death of his father.

Mr. Freeman married a daughter of Hiram Beals, of Pennsylvania, and they have a family of four sons. They have one of the handsome homes at Freeman, and the among the representative people of that thriving town. In politics Mr. Freeman is a Republican, but is not particularly active in public affairs. For a long time he has been prominent in fraternal life, and belongs to all the leading secret organizations, being a member of Ivanhoe Commandry, No. 10, K. T., of Bramwell, and Beni-Kedem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Charleston; the lodge of Odd Fellows at Bramwell and the Red Men at Bluefield. Religiously the family is connected with the Methodist Church.

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HON. NATHAN GOFF, LL. D., a soldier, jurist and statesman of national eminence, was born February 9, 1842, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, his present home. He is a son of Waldo P. Goff, who bequeathed to him a perfect physique and a virile constitution. He received his education in the Northwestern Academy at Clarksburg.

and at Georgetown College, District of Columbia.

At the opening of the Civil War he entered the service of his country as a private in Company G, 3rd Regiment, Virginia Infantry, and took part in the battles of McDowell, Port Republic, Winchester, Droop Mountain, second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Rockey Gap, Cross Keys, Rappahannock Station and others of minor note. Private Goff did not remain a private long, being promoted first to the rank of lieutenant and then, for bravery, to the rank of major. On January 20, 1864, Major Goff was taken prisoner at Moorefield, West Virginia, and for four months he endured the horrors of Libby Prison. Finally his release was secured and he rejoined his regiment with which he was actively engaged until the close of the war, when he was made a brevet brigadier-general, at the age of 23 years.

Entering the University of New York, in two years General Goff was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws and immediately began the practice of his profession at Clarksburg. He soon entered the political field, and in 1867 he was elected a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, from Harrison County, and was re-elected in 1868. In 1869 he was appointed by

the President to the office of United States District Attorney for the District of West Virginia. For 13 years he filled this office with distinction and won universal commendation.

On January 6, 1880, General Goff was invited by President Hayes to be his Secretary of the Navy and on the following day he was confirmed by the Senate and served in that office during the continuance of President Hayes' administration. In 1882 he was elected, by a large majority, Member of Congress from the First Congressional District, although that district had gone overwhelmingly Democratic at the previous election. He was re-elected in 1884 and in 1886. These six years in Congress he filled with valuable service to the nation, attaining to high rank as a parliamentarian. In 1888 General Goff was made the candidate of his party for the gubernatorial chair of his native State. Official records show the results of a hard-fought campaign, but the inside history which was made during that period reflects anything but honor upon his political opponents.

For several terms General Goff served as chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, being elected to that position in 1884 and again in 1888. He was the nominee

in the Republican caucus in the State Senate for United States Senator. Through a long and monotonous deadlock, his friends loyally cast their vote 100 times, but were finally defeated by a Democratic majority of one, on a joint ballot.

On March 17, 1892, General Goff was appointed by President Harrison to the high judicial position of judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, for the Fourth Circuit and in this position he has displayed his profound legal learning and unquestioned powers of judgment, and has won the unqualified praise and earned the profound respect of even his political opponents.

In 1867 Judge Goff married Laura Despard, of Clarksburg, and two sons have been born to this congenial union. One of these sons, Nathan P., is engaged in medical practice in Clarksburg. In 1888 Columbian University conferred the title of LL. D. upon Judge Goff.

J. A. MCKENZIE, prosecuting attorney of Hancock County and a prominent attorney of New Cumberland, West Virginia, was born July 30, 1866, at Inverness, Columbiana County, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas P. and Elizabeth (Smith) McKenzie, na-

tives and residents of Columbiana County.

As the name indicates, the McKenzie family originated in Scotland, and was founded in Ohio by James McKenzie, the great-grandfather of our subject, who located in the State as a pioneer, in the latter part of the 18th century. He lived to the age of 100 years. He was an extensive farmer and also conducted a woolen mill in Columbia County. His son, also named James, was a physician for some years in Hancock County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and was a party to the first deed ever recorded after the county was organized. He married a Miss Patterson and reared a family of 12 children, a survivor being N. K. McKenzie, a resident of Wellsville.

Thomas P. McKenzie, the father of our subject, served during the Civil War in Company I, 78th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. The mother of our subject is a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Smith, early settlers of the State of Ohio. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. McKenzie, namely, J. A., of this sketch; Jennie, wife of T. C. Williams, of Utica, Ohio; Ella, wife of B. C. Grafton, of Columbia County, Ohio; and William, shipping clerk at the National Tube Works at McKeesport, Ohio.

Our subject was reared and educated in Columbiana County, Ohio, and followed school teaching during five winters, taking a course in the meantime, at Mount Union College, where he was graduated in 1890. In the fall of 1892 he entered the Cincinnati Law School and was graduated there in 1894, with his degree of LL. B. In January, 1895, he removed to New Cumberland, started into the practice of his profession, and met with immediate and unusual success. In 1896 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Hancock County, being honored with a re-election in 1900. Mr. McKenzie is a staunch Republican and has actively supported the candidates and measures of his party.

On November 27, 1895, he was married to Margaret Patterson, who is a daughter of Thomas and Catherine Patterson, of Columbiana County, Ohio. Two children have been born to this marriage, Elizabeth and Thomas. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie belong to the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, belonging to the New Cumberland lodges of both orders. Mr. McKenzie has made an enviable record as prosecuting attorney. He has given special study to the laws relating to the duties of

the position and is also well versed in other lines. His ability and industry, his carefulness, fairness and promptitude have won him a large clientele and he occupies a prominent position among the members of the Hancock County bar.



E. L. NUCKOLLS.

E. L. NUCKOLLS, junior member of the prominent legal firm of Dillon & Nuckolls and mayor of Fayetteville, West Virginia, was born August 2, 1868, at Gambetta, Carroll County, Virginia, and is a son of Thomas and Charlotte J. (Stone) Nuckolls, both natives of Virginia.

The Nuckolls family is an old and honorable one in the Old Dominion,

to which State its early founders came with the settlers of Jamestown. The Stone family is of French extraction, and has long been established in Virginia.

Thomas Nuckolls, the father of our subject, was born in Grayson County, Virginia, but the greater part of his life was spent as an agriculturist in Carroll County, where he died January 21, 1903, aged 85 years. His widow still resides on the old home-stead. There were seven children born to our subjects' parents, the survivors being: N. G., a resident of Ketchikan, Alaska; E. V., a resident of El Paso, Texas; H. C., a resident of Gambetta, Virginia; C. B., a resident of Hills-ville, Virginia; E. L., of this sketch; and Bertie, wife of Robert Wade, of South Boston, Virginia.

E. L. Nuckolls was reared in Carroll County and was educated at Woodlawn Academy at Woodlawn, Virginia, and at Washington and Lee University at Lexington. In 1894 he was admitted to the bar and first engaged in practice at Hills-ville, Virginia, where he remained five years. In 1899 he removed to Fayetteville and on January 1, 1902, entered into partnership with C. W. Dillon, having been associated with Judge D. W. Bolen, in Virginia. Both members of

the firm of Dillon & Nuckolls are able lawyers and enjoy an extensive practice. They are the authors and compilers of "The West Virginia Pocket Code," a valuable work which since its issue in 1900 has had a larger sale than any other legal book in the State.

In politics, Mayor Nuckolls is a Democrat and is now serving his second term as mayor of Fayetteville, his administration having been most satisfactory to all of his fellow citizens. He takes a prominent part in public matters and is one of the representative men in his section of the State.

On June 22, 1895, he was united in marriage with Berta Thornton of Hills-ville, Virginia, and they have one child, Jesse. Mr. Nuckolls is a prominent Mason and also belongs to the Bar Association.

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HARRY M. CAMPBELL, M. D., a prominent physician of Parkersburg, with office at No. 615½ Market street, was born in 1867, in Wood County, West Virginia, and is a son of Robert and Cornelia (Kinnaird) Campbell, the former of whom was a well known steamboat and river man, whose death took place in 1877, at the age of 40 years.

The grandfather of Dr. Campbell

was Robert Campbell, who was born in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and who came to America as a member of the British Army. After the close of hostilities, he located in Pennsylvania, on the Juniata River, married Letitia Wright, and soon after removed to Wood County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Two of their 11 children are still surviving, one being Captain Campbell of the Big Sandy Packet Line. The mother of Dr. Campbell was born at Culpeper Court House, Virginia, and she was a granddaughter of John Asher Kinnaird who came from Scotland and was the founder of the family here. He married a Miss Williams, a descendant of the founder of Williamstown, and his son, Rufus Kinnaird, married Sophia Cook, who was a member of a prominent family of Parkersburg and Wood County. Mrs. Campbell was the eldest of a large family and she resides at Williamstown, near the original Isaac Williams residence.

Dr. Campbell is one of a family of five children, three of whom died young. His sister, Mrs. S. B. Morgan, resides at Williamstown. Dr. Campbell was educated in the schools of Marietta, Ohio, and also attended the Normal School, and in 1899 graduated in medicine at the Eclectic Med-

ical Institute of Cincinnati. After two years of practice at Williamstown, he removed to Parkersburg where he has since been located and has become a prominent member of his profession. He is a member of the State Eclectic Society and his cordial relations with members of the profession were emphasized by their request that he become a member of the State Medical, the Ohio Valley and the Little Kanawha societies.

Dr. Campbell married Anna Berry, a daughter of the late Capt. George M. Berry, a native of Wood County who was well and widely known. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Carl, Catherine and Cornelia. Fraternally Dr. Campbell is a York rite Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

F. KENT LOOMIS, managing editor of the Daily News Publishing Company, at Parkersburg, West Virginia, was born at Marietta, Ohio, November 9, 1867, and is a son of Judge W. B. Loomis, and a brother of Hon. F. B. Loomis, the present United States minister to Portugal. The latter was appointed to Venezuela in 1897, by the late President McKinley,

and was transferred in 1900, having been for the past 12 years in the diplomatic service.

Mr. Loomis who is very well known in the western section of the State on account of his vigorous management of the *Parkersburg Daily Morning News*, was educated at Marietta and graduated from Marietta College, with the degree of M. A., in 1888. He immediately became interested in journalistic work, residing at Parkersburg until 1893, when he went to Cincinnati and was night editor of the old *Tribune*, later the *Commercial Tribune*, for four years. In 1896 he was recalled to Parkersburg, to take charge as managing editor of the *State Journal*, then Governor White's paper. In July, 1899, he left the latter paper in order to re-organize and develop the *Parkersburg Daily Morning News*, being backed by a strong company, and he has remained with this paper ever since with the exception of eight months, from May to December, 1901. On December 1, 1901, Mr. Loomis, with Maj. Charles D. Elliott and C. B. Smith bought the *News* and the company that has since conducted the paper is known as the Daily News Publishing Company of Parkersburg. By persistent effort, which includes all those activities which go to the making

of a first-class newspaper, Mr. Loomis and Mr. Smith, who are devoting their entire attention to the business, have brought the paper from the third in circulation in the city to the first place, and have made it a most necessary adjunct to the family and business life of Parkersburg.

In June, 1902, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage with Mildred May Hall, daughter of C. W. Hall, of Parkersburg. Politically he is a Republican. Socially he is one of the directors of the Blennerhassett Club and a member of the house committee. Music plays a prominent part in the lives of both Mr. and Mrs. Loomis, she being the accomplished organist at the Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Loomis is the tenor of the paid choir.

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W. FRANK FRAME, an attorney-at-law of Sutton, Braxton County, was born in 1865, near Strange Creek, Braxton County, West Virginia, and is a son of Maxwell H. Frame, who is also a native of this State.

Mr. Frame's boyhood days were spent on the farm, attending the public schools. At the age of 16 he obtained, in the examination for the qualification of teachers, a No. 1 teacher's certificate, and commenced teaching school. Af-

ter following this vocation for five years, he engaged in the mercantile and lumber business at Strange Creek, in which he remained for six years.

In 1893, Mr. Frame was made assistant clerk in the House of Delegates. It was in this year that the famous bill calling for home rule for Ireland was passed in the House of Commons, and Mr. Frame wrote the message of congratulation that the West Virginia Legislature sent to Mr. Gladstone. At the close of the legislative session, he returned to his native county and engaged in farming and blacksmithing until 1897. He was then employed by the government as its agent to prevent the obstruction of the Elk River during the building of the extension of the Charleston, Clendenin & Sutton Railroad.

After filling this position in a creditable manner, he was admitted to the bar in 1897, having been a student in the office of W. E. R. Byrne, and commenced the practice of his profession at Sutton. Mr. Frame was a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Braxton County in 1900. In 1902 he was the Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates and, although he was prevented from taking an active part in the campaign by reason of the

illness of his wife, was defeated by only 10 votes.

Mr. Frame was united in marriage in May, 1901, to Kate B. Bell, daughter of Samuel Bell of Nicholas County, West Virginia, and one child—a daughter—has blessed this union. Mr. Frame is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Masonic order, and also of the Knights of Pythias, in the latter order holding the office of chancellor commander.

Mr. Frame is a young and ambitious man, full of vim and energy, and has risen to his present position in life, from an humble station, by his own exertions. His life from childhood, like the lives of many other successful men, has been one long struggle; but many whose names are enrolled upon Fame's tablets had their origin in the lowly walks of life.

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HON. THAYER MELVIN, of Wheeling, West Virginia, has always belonged to the "Panhandle." He was born and reared in the village of Fairview in that portion of Brooke County, Virginia, which in 1847 became Hancock County. His parents

were James and Phelenia (Thayer) Melvin, the former a Pennsylvanian, of North of Ireland stock, and the latter a New Englander, whose people came to Virginia while she was young.

Judge Melvin was the oldest of five children, and received a fair English education in the common and high schools of the vicinity. At the age of 17 years, he began the study of the law in Fairview, then the county seat, and later, in Lisbon, Ohio. He was licensed and admitted to practice in 1853, at the early age of 18 years. He began his legal career in his native place, and in 1855, while still in his minority, was elected prosecuting attorney of the county. He was elected for full terms in 1856 and 1860, although from 1857 to 1860 he resided in Wheeling, where he was associated with Joseph H. Pendleton, a distinguished lawyer of his day. Shortly after the breaking out of the Civil War, he enlisted from Hancock County in Company F, 1st Reg., West Va. Vol. Inf., and served for several months as orderly sergeant and then as 1st lieutenant. He left his company to accept a Federal commission as assistant adjutant general of volunteers, filling that position until late in 1865. He was then honorably discharged from the army, with brevets for meritorious services in the line

of duty. Locating in Wellsburg in 1866, he was in that year again elected prosecuting attorney of Hancock County, and was elected by the Republican party Attorney General of the State. He was again elected two years thereafter, to the latter office, and resigned in June, 1869, to accept a commission as judge of the First Judicial District. A vacancy had resulted from the death of Judge E. H. Caldwell, and the attorneys of the circuit had signified to the Governor their desire for his appointment. Before this, he had again taken up his residence in Wheeling, and under an appointment from the Governor had assisted in completing the codification of the laws of the State. Subsequently, in 1872, he was elected judge of the same district for the full term of eight years. In 1880, he was elected one of the two judges to which the circuit had become entitled, Judge George E. Boyd being the other successful candidate. Resigning in November of the following year, he resumed practice in Wheeling. He became a member of the following firms in their order,—Ewing, Melvin & Riley; Ewing, Melvin & Ewing, and Melvin & Ewing. In September, 1899, immediately after the death of Judge Joseph R. Paull, Judge Melvin was appointed to his old position of judge.

—again at the instance of the attorneys of the different counties,—to fill the vacancy thus occasioned. In the succeeding year, an election being in order, he was nominated by both of the prominent political parties, and was continued in office by the people, without opposition or dissent. He is still performing judicial duties, and gratefully acknowledges the flattering and unanticipated compliments bestowed by his brethren of the bar and by the people.

Politically, Judge Melvin was, at the beginning, a follower of Henry Clay, but since the war he has acted with the Republican party, at least on national questions. He is not recognized as a partisan, however, and has never figured in the political arena, having always preferred to devote himself exclusively to the profession of his choice.

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GEORGE R. BREADY, general manager of the Harper's Ferry Paper Company and Shenandoah Pulp Company, general manager of the Harper's Ferry Electric Light Company, and one of the most respected and esteemed citizens of the city, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, September 5, 1858. He is a son of George C. and Margaret

E. (Hill) Bready, and a grandson of George A. Bready.

George A. Bready was a son of a farmer and was himself engaged in farming all his life. He was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Maryland when the country was yet a wilderness, settling in Frederick County, where now stands the town of Adamstown, and there he died at the age of 89 years. He reared a family of 11 sons and the youngest was named Eleven.

George C. Bready, son of George A. Bready, and father of our subject, was born in Maryland in 1830, where he resided all his life. For 40 years he was a freight conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. In 1857, at the age of 23 years, he married Margaret E. Hill, daughter of Robert M. and Cynthia A. Hill, of Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Bready died when her son, George R., was but six weeks old. Mr. Bready married for his second wife Mary M. Putts, who died without issue in 1900.

George R. Bready resided with his maternal grandparents in Philadelphia until they died, in 1874. Prior to that he had practically taken care of himself, selling papers and engaging in the childish struggle for existence which is to be seen in every great city. His

grandparents kept him at school as much as possible, but after their decease he turned his back on old pursuits and entered into business on his own responsibility. He soon obtained employment in Baltimore with Hoover & McVeigh, grain commission merchants, and served as clerk at Locust Point and then entered the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad offices as clerk at the same point. He was then promoted to be the messenger in the office of the chief train despatcher at the Camden station, Baltimore, and when the road took its express business out of the hands of the Adams Express Company in 1877, and established an office at Harper's Ferry, Mr. Bready was made clerk in the express department there. In 1878 he was promoted to be the clerk at this point in the transportation department and later was promoted to be cashier at the same station.

In 1889 the two pulp mills, just started at Harper's Ferry, offered the position of bookkeeper to Mr. Bready, an offer he accepted; in 1893 he was made superintendent, in 1896, manager, and in 1897 general manager, being admitted to the firm in 1898. Under the present efficient management, the business has increased its output many fold and, while Mr. Bready generously gives his assistants great credit,

is well known that his efficiency has had much to do with present prosperity.

In 1881 he married Mary E. Furtney, who is a daughter of George W. Furtney, the family being of English descent. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bready, namely: Eugene, born in September 1882; Gordon, born in 1883; Lillian, born in 1884; and "Uppie" born in October, 1893. In politics Mr. Bready is a Republican, although formerly a Democrat, separating from the latter organization because of his convictions on the tariff question. He was a charter member of the Heptasophs, but belongs to no other order. He is interested in a number of business enterprises in Harper's Ferry, and is a substantial, representative man, respected in his business relations and beloved by all who are permitted to know him intimately. He is a man of genial, rugged nature, open, candid and cordial, an independent thinker and an energetic business man.

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J. W. BELTZ, president of the J. W. Beltz & Sons Company, which operates four large lumber yards in Wheeling, and also a large manufacturing plant at the corner of 19th and Eoff streets, has been engaged in this

business since 1867. They manufacture sash, doors, frames and general house finishing material, and have an extensive business patronage.

Mr. Beltz was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and is a son of Peter Beltz. The latter, who was a native of Hessen, Germany, came to this country in 1837. He lived at various places in the United States and died at his home in Philadelphia in 1890, aged 84 years. His wife is also deceased. J. W. Beltz has two brothers in Ohio County,—Adam, who lives near the old homestead on Peter's run; and August, who conducts a carriage shop on Market street in Wheeling.

J. W. Beltz learned the trade of a cabinet-maker with Jerry Clemens and R. T. Friend. During the war he was in the quartermaster's department as a carpenter, and was located one year at Nashville. In 1867 the business of which he is now the head was established by him in connection with Joseph Salisbury and John Flading, as a planing mill. It was located on what is now the site of Benjamin Fisher's stove foundry, or the Wheeling Warehouse & Storage Company, and employed about six men. The firm continued until 1873, when Mr. Salisbury retired, and the firm name became Beltz & Flading. The concern was contin-

ued as a planing mill until 1885, when the present site was chosen and buildings were erected. The plant occupies two and a half lots, and has a lumber yard adjoining. The company also owns three other lumber yards in the city, and does an immense business in this branch of their work. In addition to these, the company rents another lumber yard from a railroad company, and handles lumber of every grade and kind. The firm was incorporated as the J. W. Beltz & Sons Company in 1884, with J. W. Beltz as president, and John C. Paul, secretary and treasurer. J. W. Beltz, Jr., Henry Beltz and Edward eBltz, sons of the subject hereof, are also connected with the business. Mr. Beltz has been a resident of Wheeling since 1838, and is well and favorably known throughout the vicinity.

Mr. Beltz was united in marriage with Virginia Grammer, who was also reared in Wheeling. Besides the three sons previously mentioned they have a daughter, Anna. Mr. Beltz resides in the Fifth Ward, has served two terms in the second branch of the City Council, and is a member of the Board of Trade. Fraternally, he is a member of the Arion Association and of the Carroll Club. Religiously he is a member of the Catholic Church.

HON. LOUIS F. STIFEL, a prominent member of the legal profession of Wheeling, is secretary of the Wheeling Title & Trust Company and is closely identified with many of the prosperous enterprises of the city. He was born in Wheeling in October, 1851, and is a son of C. E. Stifel, who for many years was a well known citizen of this city.

C. E. Stifel was born in Germany and there learned the trade of a tinner, working as a journeyman in different towns as far from home as Geneva, Switzerland. He removed to Wheeling, Virginia, now West Virginia, in 1836, and upon arriving worked for Squire Duly. After marriage he entered upon business for himself on Main street, near Ninth street, and manufactured tinware and house furnishings. He worked up a fine business and in 1870 took in his sons, W. C and L. F., as partners, the firm name becoming C. E. Stifel & Sons, and as such is now conducted by his oldest son, W. C. Stifel. C. E. Stifel was known as the finest mechanic in his line, in using the hammer and in spinning copper and other metals into shape, work which is now done by machinery. He died in July, 1898, lacking but one month of being 84 years of age. In May, 1839,

he was united in marriage with Anna Clara Becht, who is still living at the age of 80 years, having come from Germany in 1835.

Louis F. Stifel continued as a member of the firm of C. E. Stifel & Sons until 1875, and then attended law lectures in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he graduated in 1877. He was admitted to the bar and began the practice in the office of Henry M. Russell. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1882, and again in 1888, serving two terms. He is a Democrat, politically, although he has taken no active part in politics except as mentioned. The partnership with Mr. Russell continued until Mr. Stifel took charge of the Wheeling Title & Trust Company, April 1, 1891. The company was organized in January, 1890, the organizers being William P. Hubbard, Henry M. Russell, George R. E. Gilchrist and Louis F. Stifel, and the idea being to do a regular title and trust business. Finding there was an insufficient title business, legislation was secured authorizing banking, and September 10, 1891, this branch of the business was started. The officers of the company are: Henry M. Russell, president; Charles J. Rawling, vice-president; Louis F. Stifel, secretary; William H. Tracy, assistant secretary;

and George R. E. Gilchrist, examiner of titles. They have a property of 62 feet frontage on the west side of Main street, the building being partly occupied by Nay Brothers' shoe store and Kraus Brothers' clothing house. The company has had a steady increase in business since its inception, and is one of the soundest banking institutions of the State. The board of directors consists of the following substantial business men: Henry M. Russell; Charles J. Rawling; William P. Hubbard; John A. Hess; Charles F. Brandfass; Charles Menkemeller; Fred C. H. Schwertfeger; John S. Naylor; H. F. Behrens; and Dr. Ackerman. Mr. Stifel is identified with several other business interests of the city, being president of the Ohio Valley Drug Company, a director of the German Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling, the leading company of the State; and treasurer of the Home for the Aged, and the City Hospital.

Mr. Stifel was joined in matrimony with a daughter of John Oesterling, deceased, who was at one time president of the Central Glass Company, which enterprise he built up. He was also president of the German Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling, and was a prominent business man of the city.

DR. R. O. McMASTER, one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Wheeling, West Virginia, is the proprietor of the McMaster Hospital at No. 1108 Chapline street, which he founded in 1886. It is an institution well known throughout this and adjoining States for its excellent facilities and the superiority of its medical attendants. Dr. McMaster was born near Jacobsburg, Belmont County, Ohio, and is a son of Robert McMaster. Robert McMaster, who is deceased, was a farmer by occupation, although in early life he occupied the Circuit Court bench for some years.

R. O. McMaster was primarily educated in Belmont County, Ohio, and then attended Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1875. He subsequently took a course in post-graduate work in Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City, and a three months' course in the Polyclinic Hospital in New York City. He first practiced in New Athens, Ohio, for five or six years, and located at Wheeling in the fall of 1883. He established a high-class practice, and in 1886 began keeping patients, which marked the inception of the McMaster Hospital. So suc-

cessful was he that in 1892 he remodeled the building and added to it, so that it has about 30 rooms and 20 patients can now be accommodated at one time. It is a private hospital, and excludes those having acute or infectious diseases. The Doctor has made a specialty of diseases of women, and in Wheeling is a pioneer in abdominal work, having operated successfully on 107 patients in 1900. It was the first private institution of this character established in the State, and it draws a high class of patients from all over West Virginia, and also from Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. All rooms have foul-air ducts, while fresh air is admitted so as to come in contact with the radiators, thus avoiding cool draughts. All rooms are well lighted and kept scrupulously clean, and the place is a model of convenience. The hospital possesses one of the finest operating rooms in the State, which is perfectly lighted from the sides and top and supplied with the latest improvements for sterilization. All clothing and the gloves worn by the physicians are sterilized before using, as well as the surgical instruments. A separate room, or closet with glass shelves, is provided for the many surgical instruments used, and the supplies of

batting and bandages are kept in sealed packages. The water is boiled before using in operations. Pus, formerly considered unavoidable, is eliminated by this process of sterilization in handling patients. Dr. McMaster is largely engaged in practice in diseases of the throat and nose, and although this is not a specialty he has considerable work along this line. His attention is mainly given to specialties, notwithstanding he has quite an extensive general practice. He is a student of his profession, which he has thoroughly mastered, and has written several articles for different medical journals. He also invented a much needed surgical instrument, which is now largely in use.

Dr. McMaster was united in marriage with Ella M. Ault, a daughter of Thomas Ault, of Ohio, and their residence, which adjoins the hospital, is a very cozy and convenient home. They have two children: Mrs. Frank Armstrong, of Buffalo; and Thomas Austin, who is in the office of the National Steel Company, of Bellaire, Ohio. The Doctor is a member of the Ohio County Medical Society. He is a Mason, Knight Templar and Shriner. In his religious connections he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

NATHANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia Fire Clay Manufacturing Company, at New Cumberland, Hancock County, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1868, and is a son of Alex. and Irene (Freeman) Ballantyne.

The Ballantyne family was established in Pennsylvania by the grandparents of our subject, who were Nathaniel and Sarah (Wallace) Ballantyne, who were born and married in Scotland and came to America in 1836, on their wedding tour. They lived and died at Pittsburgh, after rearing a family of 10 children. The old family home in Scotland was located near Paisley, and the grandmother was a descendant of the family of which the noted chieftain, William Wallace, was a member.

Alex. Ballantyne, the father of our subject, engaged in the glass business in Pittsburgh. He died in 1885, aged 43 years. He married Irene Freeman, daughter of James L. and Priscilla (Gamble) Freeman, the former of whom was born in 1809, in Pittsburgh, and at the age of 18 years removed to New Cumberland with his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Black) Freeman.

Hancock County owes much to

Thomas and James L. Freeman for the development of one of the large and important industries of New Cumberland and vicinity. A foundry association in Pittsburg desired to find a certain kind of clay suitable for moulding into fire-brick and offered a prize to any one who would discover any bed of this kind within 100 miles of that city. Thomas Freeman, while boating along the river, made the discovery at the point known as Freeman's Landing, near the site of the present manufacturing plant. This discovery was made in 1829 and immediately capital came there and settlement began. Mr. Freeman built a small factory and began the manufacture of the brick, shipping to Pittsburg and Cincinnati, the nearest town being Fairview, five miles in the interior. Thomas Freeman reared a family of 10 children, the three survivors being: John, of Steubenville, Ohio; Jennie, of Pittsburg; and Mary, wife of Rev. John Truesdale, of Chicago. Thomas Freeman was a man of great business ability, recognizing before many others the possibilities of his section of the country. As early as 1850 he was engaged in a coal business, and with his son, James L., increased the fire-clay and brick business until they were the owners of three

plants. They were the first manufacturers of sewer pipe, manufacturing this necessity in 1860. Thomas Freeman died in 1857, at the age of 66 years, his widow surviving for a short time. James L. Freeman was engaged in the brick business on the river, opposite New Cumberland, when his death occurred in 1892, at the age of 83 years. Mrs. Ballantyne was her parents' only child and was but a babe when her mother died, aged 19 years. The father never married again. Four children were born to the parents of our subject, namely: Virginia, wife of George B. Walmer, of Chicago; Nathaniel W.; J. F. and C. A., both in the brick and mercantile business with Nathaniel W.

From the grandfather's time the brick business was carried on as a partnership arrangement, but in 1903 it was incorporated with J. F. Ballantyne as president; Nathaniel W. as secretary and treasurer; and C. A. Ballantyne as manager. The plant is located at Freeman's Landing, where both river and railroad facilities are at hand, and the output is clay and fire brick. They employ 40 men and the factory is well equipped with all kinds of modern labor-saving machinery. A ready market is found for their products, the clay found in the vicinity

being peculiarly adapted to the manufacture of fire-brick. The brothers are all practical business men and carry on a large mercantile enterprise in connection with the manufacture of fire-brick, J. F. Ballantyne giving his attention to the mercantile branch.

Our subject has been so long connected with this business that he has few superiors in it. From childhood he has been familiar with it and is thoroughly conversant with every detail and every improvement in method. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

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CHARLES W. FRANZHEIM, a prominent citizen of Wheeling, West Virginia, is president of the Wheeling Pottery Company, the first pottery works established in the city, and is also president of the Riverside Pottery Company. Mr. Franzheim was born in Wheeling, in February, 1853, and is a son of George W. and Mary A. (Hornung) Franzheim.

George W. Franzheim was born in 1824, at Waechtersbach, near Frankfort, Germany, and in 1840 crossed the Atlantic to this country, locating in the city of Wheeling. He was one of the organizers of the First National

Bank (now Bank of the Ohio Valley), also of the Franklin Insurance Company of Wheeling, and a member of the City Council and Board of County Commissioners for many years. He served in the militia as major during the Civil War. He was united in marriage at Cincinnati, Ohio, with Mary A. Hornung, who was born at Allentown, Pennsylvania, of German parentage, and who now resides at Echo Point, a suburb of Wheeling. Six sons blessed this union: Charles W.; George W., Jr., deceased; Louis H., deceased; Albert A., contractor and ex-sheriff; Henry C., a member of the firm of G. Mendel & Company; and Edward B., the well known architect of Echo Point.

The Wheeling Pottery Company was organized and incorporated in 1879, and Charles W. Franzheim was one of the original stockholders and a member of the board of directors, which included: George K. Wheat, William A. Isett, Edward M. Pearson and D. J. McKee. Our subject has been an officer in the company since its inception and has served in the capacity of president and general manager since the spring of 1893. The first buildings were on the corner of 31st and Chapline streets, where they are still operating eight kilns. The

plant at Woods and 31st streets, where the office is also located, was erected in 1889; and a higher grade of goods is there manufactured. The latter is also an eight-kiln factory, and both are built of brick. They employ some 450 men, including an office force of 10. They make a specialty of fine cameo china and ornamental ware, also a variety of ornamental art goods ranking favorably with the product of any other factory in the country. Mr. Franzheim, as president, is general manager and oversees all the work of the concern. He is also president and general manager of the Riverside Pottery Company, which was organized and incorporated in April, 1899, under practically the same management and ownership. In addition to his duties in connection with the potteries, Mr. Franzheim is also vice-president of the German Bank of Wheeling, vice-president of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Wheeling, trustee of the Mutual Savings Bank, and president of the Vance Faience Company, which is located at Tiltonville and is exclusively engaged in the manufacture of art goods. Our subject graduated as a civil engineer in 1872, but has always been engaged in the pottery business. From 1889 until 1893 he was president and gen-

eral manager of the Warwick China Company. He is a director of the Wheeling Board of Trade.

Mr. Franzheim was united in marriage in 1880 with Lyda H. Merts, of Ravenna, Ohio, she being a native of that State, and they have five children: C. Merts; George W.; Mary R.; Catherine M.; and H. Kenneth. Mr. Franzheim has a very fine home on the Island. In politics, he is a stanch Republican. He is one of the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, and is a man whose home is his club and lodge.

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MERIDETH J. SIMMS, a leading citizen of Montgomery, Fayette County, West Virginia, president of the County Court, and a member of the business firm of Simms & Harmon, wholesale bottlers and ice manufacturers, was born April 9, 1862, in Nicholas County. He is a son of F. P. and Eliza (Simms) Simms, both natives of Fayette County, whose grandfathers were cousins, the family being numerous on the Gauley River, where the great-grandfather, William Simms, settled when he migrated from Eastern Virginia. At that time the country was wild and uncultivated, the inhabitants being only wandering In-

dian tribes and the savage beasts of the forest.

In 1895 the father of our subject, a son of William Simms, removed from Fayette County to Nicholas County. His wife is a daughter of Charles Simms, of the Gauley River country. They reared a family of nine children, all of whom survive and are counted among the valued citizens of that section.

Merideth J. Simms was reared in his native locality and attended the common schools. At the age of 21 he accepted a position as bookkeeper in a store and retained the position for about five years. He was only 25 years old when his prominence in the Republican party attracted attention, and he was appointed postmaster at Montgomery, by the late President Benjamin Harrison. In 1892 Mr. Simms was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners, serving with so much efficiency that he secured the re-elected at the succeeding occasion. He has been prominently identified with political affairs in the county, was sent to Philadelphia as a delegate when McKinley and Roosevelt were nominated, is a member of the Republican Congressional Committee of his district and has not been absent from

a county convention for years. At Philadelphia his prominence was recognized by his appointment on the committee on rules and order of business. Since 1898 he has served as president of the County Court, making a very fine officer.

On July 5, 1886, Mr. Simms was united in marriage to Alwilda C. Ransom, of St. Albans, and their children are named as follows: Forest E., Ira, Maud Merideth and Eugene.

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COL. J. A. McGUFFIN, general manager of the Longdale Coal & Iron Company, at Sewell, West Virginia, and a prominent and influential citizen of Fayette County, was born in Jackson County, Virginia, now West Virginia, May 23, 1844. He is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (McCowan) McGuffin, the former of whom was born in Bath County, Virginia, and the latter in Pennsylvania

The McGuffin family was established in Virginia, immediately after the close of the Revolutionary War, by Robert McGuffin, a native of Scotland. His son, James McGuffin, was also born in Scotland, and served in the War of 1812 as a cavalryman. He was a man of wealth and social importance in Bath County, where his

whole after life was spent, and where he died during the Civil War.

Robert McGuffin, father of our subject was a son of James McGuffin and his wife, Elizabeth Irwin, who was a daughter of Robert Irwin, also a Revolutionary soldier. He removed in young manhood from Bath into Jackson County, this State, where he became a man of public importance and large means. He served as sheriff of Jackson County for two terms prior to 1850, and then moved to Mason County, locating on an estate eight miles above Point Pleasant, on the Kanawha River. His death occurred in 1858.

The mother of Colonel McGuffin was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stone) McCowan, the former of whom was a son of James McCowan, who served with the rank of captain under General Washington, and was a witness of Braddock's defeat at Beech Bottom. John McCowan, the maternal grandfather of Colonel McGuffin, was a captain in the War of 1812. The family records on both sides show that a military spirit has prevailed and many members have won distinction in that line. Our subject was the eldest of four children born to his parents, his two brothers and sister being as follows: Elizabeth, wife

of Walter H. Hogg, now a resident of Mason County; Dr. Richard M., of Bramwell, Mercer County; and J. B., a coal operator on Luke Creek.

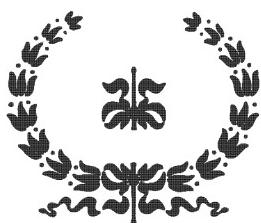
Colonel McGuffin was about six years old when his parents moved to Mason County, and his early education was obtained in the country schools. Later he attended Alleghany College, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1861, in both the civil engineering and business courses. He was engaged in making military maps of Virginia for a time, and followed the profession of civil engineering for some ten years, and for a time served on the United States Engineering Corps, on the coast survey service. In 1872 he removed to Fayette County in the interests of the Longdale Coal & Iron Company and did all of the prospecting for that corporation. Colonel McGuffin antedated the building of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway through Fayette County, and was the first shipper of coal over the road, shipping before the lines were completed to the West. At that time the railroad permitted shippers to load their cars with coal on the main lines. The road was opened June 23, 1873, and our subject shipped the first coke from the New River Valley, to the Longdale Coal & Iron Com-

pany's furnaces at Longdale, Virginia. The company for which Colonel McGuffin so capably manages, operates a line of thirteen miles of railroad between Sewell and Cliff Top and has seven mines in operation which give employment to 1,000 people, while the main offices are situated at Sewell. Colonel McGuffin is a man of fine administrative ability and is interested in almost all of the leading coal, coke and iron enterprises of the vicinity, and is prominent in other institutions. He is president of the Henry Coal & Coke Company; of the Dunloop Coal & Coke Company; and of the Prudence Coal & Coke Company. He is also vice-president of the Citizens' National Bank at Charleston, West Virginia, and is secretary and treasurer of the Big Kanawha Leasing Company, owning and operating some of the biggest silver mines in Colorado.

On June 17, 1873, Colonel McGuffin was married to Maria Hogg, daughter of Col. James Hogg, of Mason County, a veteran of the Mexican War, the family being an old one in Virginia, of Scotch ancestry. The two children born to this union are: Olie, wife of Clarence Kirwin, of Baltimore, Maryland; and Lucy M., wife of John Gibson, of

Richmond, Kentucky. His second marriage was to Nettie Sharp, a daughter of William Sharp, who was born at Saratoga, New York, but who is now a well known resident of Ironton, Ohio, aged 84 years. One little daughter of William Sharp, who was this marriage. Col. McGuffin is a Mason of high degree, a Knight Templar, in which he is past commander of Kanawha Commandery, No. 4, of

Charleston, and a Shriner, being a member of the Beni-Kedem Temple; he is also a Scottish rite Mason of the 33rd degree. He was honored by being selected as one of the judges at the World's Fair in Chicago, in 1893 and was one of the judges and had charge of the exhibit for the State of West Virginia at the celebration of the Ohio Valley Centennial at Cincinnati, in 1903.





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